

January 24, 2010
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00 PM Paul Boulay by his family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM M/M John Leary by their daughter, Claire McMahon

9:30 AM John Carvalho by his wife and children

11:00 AM Nelson C. Mello by his parents

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 AM Frank & Lucy Mellon & Mamie McGuirk,
by the Mellon family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 AM William Fitzpatrick, Sr. by his wife and family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 AM Linda Soares by Gerry Hodkinson

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 AM Dorothy Correia by her husband, Alfred
(Birthday Remembrance)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

4:00 PM Corey Reis by his Mom & Dad (3rd anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 AM Jeannette & Clifford Johnson by their family

9:30 AM Mary & John Furness by daughter & grandsons

11:00 AM Angelo Colucciello by his family

January Memorial Candles

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Henry and Adele Dion by their daughter, Jeannine

Altar Candles in memory of Norman Beaulieu by his wife, Ruth

Tabernacle Candles in memory of Paul Boulay by his wife, Lorraine and family

Collection January 17th

Budget.....\$ 4,276.35

2nd Collection.....\$ 1,243.10

***“Thank You” to all who continue to
 Generously support our parish!***

Reminder: *This weekend and next weekend a special collection will be taken up at parish Masses throughout the Fall River Diocese to support relief efforts in Haiti after a powerful earthquake ravaged the impoverished nation, claiming a staggering number of lives and causing almost incomprehensible damage. If contribution is made by check, please make payable to St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.*



The next meeting will be **Sunday, January 31st** at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please contact Monica Valenti if you have any questions. All Grade 8 – 12 students are welcome. Bring a friend!

Thank You! The Youth Group would like to thank all those who contributed to our bake sale fundraiser, whether through prayers or donations. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$692! We appreciate all your support and ask that you please continue to pray for our group as we prepare for this retreat. May God bless you.

***Life in the Spirit Seminars
 here at St. Francis.***

***This could be an awesome event
 in your life!***



If you desire a deeper personal encounter with Jesus Christ, and would like to experience the Father's love through the Holy Spirit, we encourage you to attend a "Life in the Spirit Seminar".

This seven week seminar will give you a new or renewed desire for prayer and reading of the Scriptures. Everyone is encouraged to attend, any age, any level of commitment. All you need is a desire for "more" of God in your life.

Seven Thursdays beginning February 4 to March 18---7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

I would like everyone in the parish to attend. Please call the rectory and let us know if you are planning to attend. Renown speakers Don and Pat Turbitt will present the seminars

Due to the cold winter and recent snow storms, many people haven't been able to participate in Mass. As a result, our collections have been down and expenses up (heating of the church and hall and plowing/sanding of the church and rectory parking lots). Anything you can do to make up for missed collections would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Family Life Corner

The Family Life Committee is looking for faith-filled, generous people who are willing to share ideas, talents and faith to enrich St. Francis of Assisi parish. Our goal is to transform our parish community into a vibrant, active and welcoming home, where we all feel treasured and loved. To do this, **we need you!** Our membership is growing, but we still need more people to continue to do things which make our parish awesome. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall, Please join us for some fun and fellowship. For more information please call Christine Patota at 508-677-0804.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, February 6th Family Game Night and Pizza Party



5 p.m. in the church hall (after the 4 p.m. mass). Bring your favorite games and candy bars (for candy bar bingo) Come and enjoy a great night playing fun games and enjoying great pizza.

Sunday, February 14th



Valentine Day Breakfast in the church hall from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (5 and under) and will be available after all masses on

January 30th and 31st and February 6th and 7th Please come and join other members of our parish family for a delicious breakfast buffet. You don't have to cook, serve, or cleanup....just enjoy! What a wonderful way to start your day.....attending mass followed by breakfast with friends

Emmaus Retreat Weekend - February 12-14 Cathedral Camp, E. Freetown, MA

A heartfelt invitation is open to join us on our next Emmaus weekend! Emmaus is a weekend retreat program for people who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. The purpose of the weekend is to give participants an opportunity to reflect upon themselves and their relationship with God and their community. You will build valuable relationships through friendship, encouragement, prayer and the awesome power of God.

Emmaus is a Catholic retreat program that is open to people of all Christian faiths.

For more information please contact Debbie Sousa at 508-646-3902 or visit our website at

www.emmausretreats.com.

INTERESTED IN ADULT CONFIRMATION?

If you are an adult interested in being confirmed, please contact the parish office (508-673-2808), **by February 1st**, to register for Adult Confirmation Classes.

2009 Contribution Statements



Register: Membership has its

privileges! If you would like a

statement for your parish contributions for 2009 mailed to you, please call the

Parish Office at 508-673-2808. **Note:** If you want your statement to reflect your donations to St. Francis, please be sure to use budget envelopes or a plain white envelope with your name, address and budget number (if known) on it. Unfortunately, loose checks and money will **not** be reflected on your statement.

HAVE YOU EVER MADE A WILL? ARE YOU THINKING OF MAKING ONE?

Would you consider leaving something to your parish? Many people (even recently) have done so here and in other parishes, and their generosity has a lasting effect on many people. Just a little food for thought.

50 Week Club – Congratulations to the Jan. 24th winner.....Edward Souza

St. Francis of Assisi CCD Christmas Food Drive 2009-2010 Organizing & Boxing of Food

Today - Sunday, January 24th 12:00 until 1:00, we will be meeting in the church hall to organize and box any of the food delivered. (Snow Date: Tuesday, January 26th from 4:00-5:00) Volunteers are welcome to help.

Bishop Connolly High School Open House Wednesday, January 27, 2010 6:30 p.m.

Prospective students and their families are invited to learn more about the school and its programs at this Open House. Placement exam for prospective students will take place February 6 at 8 a.m. For more information please call 508-676-1071 ext. 333.



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URGENT: USCCB NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT

Stop Abortion Funding in Health Care Reform!

Protect Conscience

Ensure Affordable Health Coverage

Allow Immigrants to Purchase Private Health Insurance

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Health care reform should not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country.

- On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortions and includes positive measures on affordability and immigrants.
- On December 24, the U.S. Senate rejected this policy and passed health care reform that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions. All purchasers of such plans will be required to pay for other people's abortions through a separate payment solely to pay for abortion.
- Outside the abortion context, neither bill has adequate conscience protection for health care providers, plans or employers.
- These two bills must now be combined into one bill that both the House and Senate will vote on in final form. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants' access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill, or the final bill must be opposed.

ACTION: Contact your Representative and Senators today by e-mail, phone or FAX.

- **To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to www.usccb.org/action.**
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices. Contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE—HOUSE:

"I am pleased that the House health care bill maintains the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion. I urge you to work to uphold essential provisions against abortion funding, to include full conscience protection and to assure that health care is accessible and affordable for all. Until and unless these criteria are met, I urge you to oppose the final bill."

MESSAGE—SENATE:

"I am deeply disappointed that the Senate health care bill fails to maintain the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion and does not include adequate protection for conscience. I urge you to support essential provisions against abortion funding, similar to those in the House bill. Include full conscience protection and assure that health care is accessible and affordable for all. Until and unless these criteria are met, I urge you to oppose the final bill."

WHEN: Votes in the House and Senate on the final bill are expected in January.

Act today! Thank You!